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AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices climbed in February to \$146.00 per ton. This compares to \$143.00 per ton in January and \$137.00 per ton in February 2002. All hay prices also increased by \$3.00 to \$142.00 per ton. Prices one year ago for all hay averaged \$133.00 per ton. Cow prices increased from the January 2003 price by \$2.00 to \$39.40 per hundredweight. This was \$1.30 above the national average of \$38.10. Steer and heifer prices declined to \$79.70 per hundredweight from the average January 2003 price of \$80.90 but still \$0.80 above the national average of \$78.90. The February price for Calves climbed by \$0.50 to \$93.20. This was \$7.80 below the \$101.00 received one year ago, and below the current national average of \$97.60. Milk prices averaged \$0.20 below the January 2003 price of \$11.70. The February price of \$11.50 remained steady with the national average.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, January 2003 and February 2002-03

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Feb 2002 ^{2/}	Jan 2003 ^{2/}	Feb 2003 ^{1/}	Feb
CROPS		-----Dollars-----			
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	--	--	--	4.15
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	--	--	--	.448
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	6.53
Hay, all baled	Ton	133.00	139.00	142.00	91.80
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	137.00	143.00	146.00	96.40
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.228
Corn	Bu	--	--	--	2.35
Wheat, all	Bu	--	--	--	3.71
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	--	--	--	41.30
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	--	--	--	92.00
Cows	Cwt.	43.10	37.40	39.40	38.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	83.20	80.90	79.70	78.90
Calves	Cwt.	101.00	92.70	93.20	97.60
Milk	Cwt.	13.10	11.70	11.50	11.50

^{1/} Mid-month. ^{2/} Entire month. ^{3/} January - Entire Month

HONEY

NEW MEXICO: NEW MEXICO: Honey production in 2002 from producers with 5 or more colonies decreased considerably from 1.1 million pounds in 2001 to 484,000 pounds in 2002. Colonies in 2001 numbered 15,000, while in 2002 there were 11,000 honey producing colonies. Yields per colony averaged 44 pounds in 2002. Producer honey stocks were 252,000 pounds. The average price per pound increased from \$0.65 in 2001 to \$1.09 in 2002.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2002 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 171 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2001. There were 2.52 million colonies producing honey in 2002, up 1 percent from 2001. Yield per colony averaged 67.8 pounds, down 8 percent from the 74.0 pounds in 2001. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and U.S., 2002 ^{1/}

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}	Average Price Per Pound ^{3/}	Value of Production
	-----1,000-----	-----Pounds----	-----1,000 Pounds-----		----Cents----	---1,000 Dollars---
AZ	38	63	2,394	1,197	110	2,633
CA	440	53	23,320	3,498	129	30,083
CO	24	60	1,440	576	122	1,757
FL	220	93	20,460	2,026	112	22,915
GA	50	52	2,600	52	110	2,860
ID	100	57	5,700	1,653	135	7,695
IN	8	62	496	233	114	565
IA	33	70	2,310	901	137	3,165
KS	17	52	884	407	156	1,379
KY	3	54	162	47	165	267
LA	35	124	4,340	347	114	4,948
MI	72	77	5,544	1,885	134	7,429
MN	117	73	8,541	1,110	142	12,128
MO	18	53	954	200	137	1,307
MT	134	63	8,442	1,097	135	11,397
NE	43	75	3,225	1,161	145	4,676
NM	11	44	484	252	109	528
NC	14	51	714	86	136	971
ND	320	75	24,000	8,160	142	34,080
OH	16	81	1,296	518	140	1,814
OK	3	53	159	51	160	254
OR	39	49	1,911	803	128	2,446
SD	225	51	11,475	2,410	140	16,065
TX	114	67	7,638	985	109	8,325
VA	7	38	266	69	186	495
WA	44	51	2,244	494	125	2,805
WV	9	51	459	151	137	629
WI	70	95	6,650	2,461	130	8,645
WY	38	63	2,394	383	139	3,328
Other States	262	78.8	20,638	5,834	126	26,049
U.S. ^{4/}	2,524	67.8	171,140	39,047	128.6	221,638

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each State. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers. ^{3/} Prices weighted by sales. ^{4/} Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

NEW MEXICO: The number of farms and ranches in New Mexico during 2002 remained unchanged from 2001 at 15,000. Of these farms, 9,000 fell into the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class. There were 4,400 farms in the \$10,000-\$99,999 class; 700 in the \$100,000-\$249,999 class; 400 in the \$250,000-\$499,999 class; and the remaining 500 farms fell into the \$500,000 and over sales class. Total land in farms also remained unchanged at 44 million acres. Of these acres, 4 million were in farms with \$1,000-\$9,999 in sales; 12 million acres were in farms in the \$10,000-\$99,999 sales class; 9 million acres were in farms in the \$100,000-\$249,999 sales class; 8 million acres were in farms in the \$250,000-\$499,999 class; and 11 million acres were in farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in the United States in 2002 is estimated at 2.16 million, up 0.1 percent from 2001. The increase in farms occurred primarily in agricultural operations with \$1,000-\$9,999 in sales. Total land in farms, at 941.5 million acres, increased 170,000 acres from last year. The average size of farm at 436 acres, decreased one acre from 2001. The increase in the number of farms and land in farms primarily resulted from the inclusion of pasture only farms in 2002.

Farm Numbers and Land in Farms, Selected States, and U.S., 2000-2002

State	Farm Numbers			Land in Farms		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	-----Number-----			-----1,000 Acres-----		
AZ	7,500	7,300	7,300	26,700	26,600	26,500
CA	87,500	85,000	84,000	27,800	27,700	27,700
CO	29,500	30,000	30,000	31,600	31,300	31,300
ID	24,500	24,000	24,000	11,900	11,900	11,900
IN	64,000	63,000	63,000	15,500	15,400	15,400
IA	95,000	93,500	92,500	32,800	32,700	32,600
KS	64,000	63,000	63,000	47,500	47,400	47,400
MN	79,000	79,000	79,000	28,600	28,500	28,400
MO	109,000	108,000	107,000	30,000	29,900	29,800
MT	27,600	27,500	28,000	56,700	56,700	56,700
NE	54,000	53,000	52,000	46,400	46,400	46,400
NV	3,000	3,000	3,000	6,800	6,800	6,800
NM	15,200	15,000	15,000	44,000	44,000	44,000
ND	30,300	30,300	30,000	39,400	39,400	39,400
OH	80,000	78,000	78,000	14,900	14,800	14,700
OK	85,000	86,000	87,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
OR	40,000	40,000	41,000	17,200	17,200	17,200
SD	32,500	32,500	32,500	44,000	44,000	44,000
TX	226,000	227,000	230,000	130,000	130,000	131,000
UT	15,500	15,000	15,000	11,600	11,600	11,600
WA	40,000	39,000	39,000	15,700	15,700	15,700
WY	9,200	9,200	9,200	34,600	34,600	34,600
All Other States	953,980	947,380	948,590	195,390	194,710	194,380
U.S.	2,172,280	2,155,680	2,158,090	943,090	941,310	941,480

WEATHER SUMMARY

A series of minor storms crossed New Mexico during the week, favoring the north. Chama, Farmington, and Red River all measured over an inch of moisture. It was also a cold week for much of New Mexico, with temperatures averaging as much as 10 to 14 degrees below normal over the east. Data incomplete for Quemado. No precipitation report from Alamogordo.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 2, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	02/24 03/02	03/01 03/02	Normal Mar	01/01 03/02	Normal Jan-Mar
Carlsbad	43.1	65	20	0.00	0.00	0.30	1.18	1.00
Hobbs	36.4	61	13	T	0.00	0.52	0.38	1.41
Roswell	38.4	65	21	0.02	0.00	0.45	0.52	1.34
Clayton	27.3	48	1	0.04	0.04	0.55	0.11	1.10
Clovis	38.8	61	14	0.10	0.00	0.59	0.13	1.49
Roy	25.4	44	5	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.15	1.32
Tucumcari	32.2	58	7	T	0.00	0.40	0.61	1.13
Chama	24.1	38	-3	1.42	0.05	1.99	2.41	5.34
Johnson Ranch	30.6	45	10	0.78	0.00	0.74	1.24	1.98
Capulin	24.9	50	2	0.50	0.47	0.89	1.14	1.85
Las Vegas	30.1	49	8	0.03	0.01	0.56	0.61	1.27
Los Alamos	29.3	41	16	0.44	0.06	1.22	0.95	2.88
Raton	27.6	53	4	0.26	0.26	0.83	0.62	1.84
Santa Fe	32.9	46	17	0.26	0.00	0.74	0.94	2.06
Red River	24.6	36	5	1.29	0.00	1.78	3.51	4.07
Farmington	34.6	48	22	1.22	0.05	0.81	2.08	1.97
Gallup	33.5	51	20	0.43	0.04	1.05	1.04	2.59
Grants	33.5	49	18	0.38	0.00	0.50	0.38	1.50
Silver City	37.6	51	22	0.36	0.00	0.96	1.27	3.37
Quemado	28.7	51	9	0.50	0.21	0.80	0.90	2.35
Albuquerque	38.8	49	23	0.21	0.00	0.54	1.02	1.44
Carrizozo	38.9	53	19	0.23	0.00	0.57	0.94	1.74
Gran Quivera	35.2	49	13	0.08	0.00	0.72	0.30	2.24
Moriarty	31.8	50	10	0.07	0.00	0.53	0.36	1.44
Ruidoso	32.9	45	15	0.34	0.00	1.33	0.96	3.61
Socorro	44.8	60	23	0.23	0.00	0.27	0.39	1.05
Alamogordo	47.4	61	31	--	--	0.46	0.98	1.67
Animas	46.9	63	32	0.45	0.00	0.47	1.27	1.66
Deming	46.2	61	31	0.49	0.00	0.34	1.77	1.36
T or C	45.8	59	30	0.05	0.05	0.34	0.97	1.18
Las Cruces	47.1	66	28	0.04	0.00	0.22	1.79	1.05

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.